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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL DEHAAN VISIT WITH SENIOR GOT OFFICIALS

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1. STAFFDEL DEHAAN AND EMBOFF MET SEPTEMBER 7 WITH FOLLOWING GROUP OF SENIOR TURKISH OFFICIALS: ZIYA MEUZZINOGLU (CHAIRMAN OF EMERGENCY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE FOR CYPRUS), SUKRU ELEKDAG (NOT YET APPOINTED, BUT EXPECTED TO BE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY), NURI EREN (WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM US VISIT WHERE HE EXPLAINED GOT VIEWS ON CYPRUS), AND TWO SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. DURING LONG CONVERSATION STAFFDEL SEVERAL TIMES REPORTED ON ITS RECENT VISIT TO CYPRUS AND ITS CONCLUSION THAT NEED FOR RELIEF WAS AN URGENT ONE.

3. ALL TURKISH PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING, BUT PARTICULARLY MEUZZINOGLU AND ELEKDAG, STRONGLY EMPHASIZED "FACT" THAT UN FOR MORE THAN ELEVEN YEARS HAD IGNORED 30,000-40,000

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TURKISH REFUGESS ON ISLAND. THEY SAID GOT WAS FULLY

UNDERSTANDING OF IMMEDIATE RELIEF PROBLEMS INVOLVING TENTS, FOOD, AND WATER. BUT, THEY ASSERTED SEVERAL TIMES THAT BEYOND THESE IMMEDIATE RELIEF PROBLEMS THE REAL ONE WAS POLITICAL.

4. PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN REMAINS ONLY "ACCEPTABLE" TO GOT IS HE IS ABLE TO BE "EQUITABLE" IN HIS OPERATIONS.

5. MEUZZINOGLU AND ELEKDAG, BUT PARTICULARLY LATTER, SAID WHAT TURKEY SEEKS IS A "PHYSICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION OF ISLAND", BUT WITH A "PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS". TURKISH OFFICIALS AT MEETING ELABORATED THAT WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND WAS A FEDERAL NATION MADE UP OF TWO COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS REGIONS, BUT WITH FULL FREEDOM FOR TURKS AND GREEKS ON BOTH SIDES TO MOVE TO THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THEIR FELLOW NATIONS. ELEKDAG TWICE EMPHASIZED THAT "HOSTAGE ARRANGEMENT" OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ENCLAVES IN THE SOUTH MUST BE ENDED. HE AND OTHER TURK OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT THE LONGER THESE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS CONTINUE, THE MORE DIFFICULT THE POLITICAL SOLUTION WILL BE.

5. CONVERSATION TURNED SEVERAL TIMES TO THE STATUS OF "PRISONERS". TURKISH OFFICIALS EACH TIME CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN "DETAINEES" (BY WHICH THEY APPARENTLY MEANT TURK CYPRIOTS BEING HELD IN SOUTHERN PART OF ISLAND) AND "POW'S". TURKS AT MEETING WANTED STAFFDEL TO KNOW THAT ICRD OFFICIAL HOFFMAN HAD VISITED "POW'S" NOW IN TURKEY NEAR ADANA AND AMASYA AND THAT TURKEY HAD PUBLISHED A LIST OF ALL GREEK POW'S BEING HELD, BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SIMILAR RESPONSE FROM GREECE. TURK OFFICIALS AT MEETING QUOTED A SEPTEMBER 6 CABLE FROM THEIR CHANNELS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DENKTASH-CLERIDES MEETING ON THAT DAY HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN AGREEING ON AN EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE, EMPHASIZING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

6. TURK OFFICIALS REPORTED, AS WE HAD BEEN INFORMED BEFORE, THAT GOT IS UNDERSTANDING OF NEED TO REOPEN NICOSIA AIRPORT, BUT TURKEY BELIEVES ICAO SUPERVISION WILL BE NEEDED PLUS "SOME KIND" OF GREEK, TURKISH, CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION.

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7. MUEZZINOGLU AND ELEKDAG COMMENTED SEPARATELY THAT WHAT TURKEY WANTS IS NOT REPEAT NOT DOUBLE ENOSIS, BUT A PHYSICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT. THIS WOULD INCLUDE, HOWEVER, "ONE ECONOMIC SYSTEM" FOR THE ENTIRE ISLAND. STAFFDEL NOTED THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, BUT WAS GIVEN NO FURTHER SPECIFICS.

8. STAFFDEL NOTED IMPORTANCE OF OPEN AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION

TO CYPRUS IN VIEW OF RELIEF NEEDS. TURKISH OFFICIALS AT
MEETING SAID THEY WERE NOT CERTAIN OF PRESENT SITUATION.
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL LATER CONTACTED EMBOFF AND
SAID THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON EITHER AIR OR SEA TRANSPORTATION
TO CYPRUS AS FAR AS TURKEY IS CONCERNED. HE ADDED THAT
HE, OF COURSE, COULD NOT SPEAK FOR GREEK OFFICIALS ON THIS
SAME SUBJECT.
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